

LOGOS SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER ELECTIVES 2021-22

Amazing Grace – Mrs. Trude Marston (7th-12th graders, 25 students) – This literature elective will focus on the literary subgroup, Christian biography, using the book *Amazing Grace*, written by Eric Metaxas. This biography centers on the life work of William Wilberforce, the man who worked tirelessly to stop the slave trading industry in England during the early 1800s. Metaxas does a good job of putting Wilberforce into his political and social context, making his accomplishments even more laudatory. Wilberforce was so clearly motivated by his evangelical faith that even the *Encyclopedia Britannica* included this item in their entry. We will read the book out loud in class, accompanied by discussion. Each student is responsible for purchasing their own paper copy of the book.

Annual – Mrs. Gwen Spencer (7th-12th graders, 10 students) – Students will learn digital photography and the basics of page design. These skills will be used to produce the Logos Annual using the yearbook software online. The school has a limited number of computers for student use. It is preferable that students use their own personal laptop. There are a limited number of digital cameras owned by the school if a student does not have access to one.

Athletic Training – Mr. Andrew Becker (9th-12th grade, 25 students) – This elective will seek to teach our students about the structure and function of the human body as it pertains to athletic activities. We will structure this course in the paradigm of Athletic Medicine: prevention, recognition, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic related injuries, with all thought about this subject matter taken captive to Christ and God's government of His kingdom. This will be a hands-on course with associated skills sections almost every class session. Because of the cost associated with providing this course, there will be a \$25 supply fee. If interested and cost is prohibitive, please contact Mr. Andrew Becker at beckera1915@gmail.com.

Boys Conditioning – Mr. Nick Holloway (8th-12th grade, 30 boys) This class focuses on improving the strength and quickness of our athletes. Class begins at 8:00 AM.

Civics - Mr. Toby Sumpter (9th-12th grades, 25 students) The goals of this class are to understand a Christian's rights and obligation in politics, society, and culture of the United States. This class includes a discussion of biblical principles, history (in particular the U.S. Constitution), and current events.

Creative Writing – Dr. Eric Aston (7th-12th graders, 15 students): From short stories to graphic novels, scripts, sermons, or scientific treatise, etc., join us to strengthen your writing skills for any professional goal or just plain-fun fantasy. A short series of interactive lessons with discussion, sharing, and brainstorming will lead into a workshop portion of focused planning, drafting, and revising. Laptops and tablets allowed (not required) once workshop projects begin.

Enemies and Idols - Mr. Jason Elmore (8th-12th grade, 25 students) - After careful study of God's pattern of discipline to rebellious Israel in the Bible by raising up enemies and tearing down idols, students will evaluate modern idolatry as defined as those things societies take great pride in or find great security in. Students will identify and examine cultural idols and enemies historically up to the present to answer the questions: Is God Sovereign? Is the world getting better? Why should this generation of young people be extremely optimistic about their future? What is required of young leaders in 2021? This elective is taught from a distinctly Reformed and Post-millennial theological perspective and therefore is an exception to the Logos School secondary doctrine policy (see Parent and Student Handbook, p. 4).

Internship – Mrs. Rebekah Merkle (seniors only) – Seniors should refer to the Senior Course Options (logosschool.com) for more information on this elective option. This elective does not meet during the

normal elective times, thus seniors can take Internship and another elective from this list, if they choose.

Keyboarding – Mr. Andy Carlson (7th-12th graders, 17 students) – This is a beginning typing course. It is highly recommended for junior high school students and others who cannot type.

Latin Tutor – Miss Christiana Hale (7th-10th grade, 10 students) This elective is for new students who are beginning their Latin studies as well as more experienced students who need additional instruction and practice in order to be successful in their current Latin.

Music – Mr. Aaron Snell – (Required for JH students with last names that start with M-Z in the fall and A-L in the spring. Open to other JH and HS students as well.) – We will be preparing a variety of musical pieces for several performance opportunities. We will also be building upon our knowledge of music theory and history as we seek to glorify God in all we sing.

Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures – Mrs. Kimberly Aston (7th-12th graders, 20 students max). Students will learn beginning Spanish with a communicative approach. Students will also learn about the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries, including traditional cuisine and regional music.

Sports Officiating: - Mr. Patrick Lopez (9th-12th grades, 12 students) – Learn to officiate volleyball and basketball games. Take the training and gain experience as an official. Officiating requires knowledge, confidence, and poise. It is a great part-time job and an excellent way to serve your community. Successful completion of the course may lead to job opportunities refereeing JH and elementary games this year.

Vikings! (Honors) - Mrs. Carla Courtney (9th - 12th grades, 20 students) – Set aside the image of horned helmets as we study to uncover truths of the explorers, traders, farmers, and barbarians as Christianity changes their culture forever. We will read their mythology, write their runes, eat their stews, and relish the Saxon Gospel that helped lead them to Christ. Since class is an honors class, eligibility depends upon last year's grade in history. As an honors class, there will be approximately 2 hours of work outside of class each week.